

6.5 Grammar

Past Simple: questions and negatives

I can make questions and negatives in the Past Simple.

- 1 CD-3.15 MP3-112 In pairs, do the quiz. Then listen and check.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ANCIENT OLYMPIC GAMES?

- Where did the first Olympic Games take place?
A in Rome B in Greece C in Egypt
- Which god did the people honour at the Olympics?
A Apollo B Athena C Zeus
- What did an athlete win at the ancient Olympics?
A a gold medal
B a silver cup
C a crown of olive leaves
- Did competitors in the ancient Olympic Games wear clothes?
A Yes, they did.
B No, they didn't.
C They did at first, but not after the year 720BC.
- Women didn't take part in Olympic events, but in 396BC the Spartan princess Cynisca won the horse chariot race. How did that happen?
A She dressed up as a man.
B She was the winner because she owned the horses.
C She could take part because she was a king's daughter.



CROWN OF OLIVE LEAVES



HORSE CHARIOT

- 2 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Then complete the examples with the verbs in blue in the quiz.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

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Questions: **did** + subject + infinitive

• Yes/No questions

Did competitors in the ancient Olympic Games wear clothes?
Yes, they did./No, they didn't.

• Wh- questions

Where ² _____ the first Olympic Games take place?

What did an athlete ³ _____ at the ancient Olympics?

Negatives: **didn't** + infinitive (didn't = did not)

Women ⁴ _____ part in Olympic events.

- 3 Complete the questions with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Modern Olympics

- The International Olympic Committee organised the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Where did they take (they/take) place?
 - _____ (women/take) part in the first modern Olympics?
 - Which sports _____ (women/do) at first?
 - When _____ (the first disabled athlete/win) an Olympic medal?
 - When and where _____ (the first Winter Olympics/take) place?
 - The Olympics _____ (not take) place in 1940 or 1944. Why not?
 - When _____ (the triathlon/become) an Olympic sport?
- 4 CD-3.16 MP3-113 Match the answers (a-g) with the questions (1-7) in Exercise 3. Then listen and check.
- Because of World War II.
 - In Athens.
 - In 1924 in Chamonix, France.
 - In 2000.
 - No, they didn't. Women first took part in the Olympics in 1900.
 - Tennis, golf, croquet and sailing in 1900, then swimming in 1912.
 - In 1904. Fifty-six years before the first Paralympics, George Eyser, a German-American gymnast with one leg, won six medals at the St Louis Olympics.
- 5 Complete the sentences to make them true for you. Use the affirmative or negative form of the verbs in brackets.

- I _____ (learn) to swim when I was a little child.
 - I _____ (like) PE lessons in primary school.
 - I _____ (go) skiing last year.
 - I _____ (take) part in a competition last month.
 - I _____ (try) bungee jumping during my last holiday.
 - I _____ (watch) the 2012 London Olympics on TV.
- 6 Write questions for the sentences in Exercise 5. Then ask and answer in pairs.
- A: *When did you learn to swim?*
B: *When I was six years old.*